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SUBJ: TREATMENT OF IRAQI KURDISH REFUGEES

REF: A. STATE 161654, B. GENEVA 5181

1. IN VARIOUS TELEGRAMS SENT LAST YEAR (75 TEHRAN 2684, 3771, 8585, 8953, 10236, 10984) WE COMMENTED IN SOME DETAIL ABOUT THE RETURN OF IRAQI KURDISH REFUGEES TO IRAQ. WE AND AMCONSUL TABRIZ REPORTED ALLEGATIONS OF MISTREATMENT OF RETURNING KURDS, IDENTIFYING THESE AS COMING FROM ADMITTEDLY BIASED KURDISH SOURCES. QUESTION OF FORCEABLE REPATRIATION TO IRAQ WAS ALWAYS MOOT. IRANIAN OFFICIALS DID NOT RESORT TO PHYSICAL FORCE TO CAUSE REFUGEES TO RETURN TO IRAQ, BUT THEY DID ENCOURAGE THEM TO DO SO ON GROUNDS THAT THEIR FUTURE IN IRAN WAS SOMEWHAT BLEAK. AS FOR SPECIFIC ALLEGATIONS OF EXECUTIONS, FACTS HAVE NOT BEEN ESTABLISHED. MR GOODYEAR OF UNHCR HAS ATTEMPTED TO VERIFY CASES OF FORCED REPATRIATION AND OF PERSECUTION OF REFUGEES RETURNING TO IRAQ TO NO AVAIL, ALTHOUGH HE FREELY ADMITS THAT IRAQI KURDS APPEAR TO HAVE BEEN PREVENTED FROM RETURNING TO THE AREAS IN IRAQ WHERE THEY PREVIOUSLY LIVED.

2. SINCE THE WHOLESALERE TURN OF KURDISH REFUGEES TO IRAQ, IRAN  
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HAS COOPERATED IN MOVEMENT OF 314 REFUGEES TO US AND 312 MORE TO

OTHER COUNTRIES UNDER UNHCR AUSPICES. BECAUSE OF THIS COOPERATION,  
AND BECAUSE WE SEE NO BENEFIT FROM A REHASHING OF IRAN'S TREATMENT  
OF THE KURDISH REFUGEES, WE DO NOT PLAN TO CONSULT GOI NOW IN  
RESPONSE TO REFTEL A, UNLESS DEPT SO REQUESTS.  
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